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Letter dated 22 December 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Hungary to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to forward herewith the text of the statement made by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Hungary, Mr. László Kovács, in his capacity as Chairman-in-Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe, on 21 December 1994, concerning the situation in Kosovo.

I should be grateful if you could arrange for the text of the present letter and its annex to be circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 27 and 100 (c), and of the Security Council.

(Signed) István NÁTHON
Ambassador

ANNEX

Statement on the situation in Kosovo made on 21 December 1994 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Hungary and Chairman-in-Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe

The Chairman-in-Office of the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE) expresses his deep concern over the continuing manifestations of Serbian repression in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro). He draws the attention of the Belgrade authorities to the long-standing and undiminished interest of the CSCE participating States in the human rights situation in general, particularly in Kosovo, the Sandžak and Vojvodina. Events in these areas are of common and legitimate concern to CSCE.

In this context, CSCE has followed the deterioration of the treatment of the Kosovar Albanians with growing anxiety. The recent arrest of over 200 former Albanian police officers in Kosovo and their brutal beatings represent a flagrant violation of basic human rights and of the fundamental norms of CSCE.

The Chairman-in-Office of CSCE calls on the Belgrade authorities to cease immediately this pattern of arrests, to release those held without justification and to prosecute those responsible for torture and ill-treatment of detainees during their custody. He also calls on the Belgrade authorities to end repression immediately and to respect fully human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro), in particular in Kosovo, the Sandžak and Vojvodina. Furthermore, the Chairman-in-Office urges the Belgrade authorities to allow the unconditional return of the CSCE Mission of Long Duration to these three regions, as well as to take concrete steps towards establishing democratic institutions and starting a dialogue with international mediation on the future status of Kosovo.